

June 1, 2017



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, our file # TCII/6/2017

This is to confirm that on May 3, 2017 the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation received your request for access to the following record:

In this year's Budget Estimates, the division of Ocean Technology and Arctic Opportunities no longer exists. I understand it has been absorbed by another division in the department. Could you please provide all details and correspondence related to the changes, including who in the department is now responsible for Ocean Technology and Arctic Opportunities and what funding has been allocated specifically for it in 2017. In addition, please provide information on any projects currently underway related to Ocean Technology and Arctic Opportunities.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation to provide access to the requested information.

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at 709-729-3356 or by email at wcomeau@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Comeau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Wayne Comeau
ATIPP Coordinator

Location of Responsible Staff and Budget for Ocean Technology Activities following TCII Restructuring

Lead ADM Responsible: Marc Kielley, ADM for Regional Development and Diversification

*Ben Gardner, ADM Business remains responsible for major business files related to Ocean Technology and Arctic

Ocean Technology personnel and financial resources have been strategically placed (allocated or redeployed) in sectoral, firm based and major project divisions. These divisions include: divisions including Sector Diversification division (Innovation Supports unit) and Regional Economic Development division (Regional Innovation Systems unit). Staff from the Accelerated Growth division (Internationalization and Business Growth units) will also be engaged in multi division teams, which will be developed to focus on different initiatives. For example, TCII has identified ocean technology as one of the five Regional Innovation System pilot projects, as committed in The Way Forward. Staff from multiple divisions will contribute to this initiative, which will ensure businesses and other critical economic development stakeholders are connected to the various areas of expertise in the department. The work of Accelerated Growth will focus on the growth of fast growing firms in the sector.

In addition, TCII's Sector Research division will focus on improved research capacity which involves more targeted and relevant research related to core areas such as ocean industry developments. These research capabilities will allow TCII to be more focused on areas that can be impacted with existing business development supports, as well as explore specialized sector opportunities that are identified by staff and clients.

TCII continues to actively participate in multiple activities focused on ocean technology including pan-Atlantic sector teams, and ongoing partnership with stakeholders such as OceansAdvance.

Since April 1, 2017 there have been 6 proposals approved and there are currently 9 proposals under review.

Ocean 2016-17	2016-17 Original Budget	2017-18 Original Budget	2017-18 Split To Restatements			
			to Accelerated Growth	to Sector Diversification	Sector Research	Total
Salaries	403,500	408,800	204,400	204,400		408,800
Employee Benefits	1,900	500	200	300		500
T & C	29,900	29,500	14,700	14,800		29,500
Supplies	2,500	2,000	1,000	1,000		2,000
Prof Services	35,000	0	0	0		0
Purchased Services	0	4,800	2,400	2,400		4,800
G & S	0	20,000		0	20,000	20,000
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	472,800	465,600	222,700	222,900	20,000	465,600

Please note that the split was 50/50 for everything except G&S (that went direct to Sector Research)